

PALMETTO HAPPENINGS

News Notes of General Interest From All Parts of the State.

MASONS ELECT OFFICERS.

The Next Assembly is to Be Held in Charleston.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons met in Greenville last week and after transacting routine business, elected the following officers:

L. Michie, Darlington, most illustrious grand master; J. M. Graham, Columbia, deputy grand master; C. F. Grandy, Greenville, grand principle conductor of the work; C. F. Jackson, Columbia, grand treasurer; Zimmerman Davis, Charleston, grand recorder; Rev. W. H. Frazier, grand chaplain; F. E. Harrison, Abbeville, grand marshal; H. M. Sandifer, Rock Hill, captain of the guard; Wm. E. Gantt, Charleston, grand conductor of council; Joseph Lindsay, Chester, grand steward; L. F. Meyer, Charleston, grand sentinel.

After the election of officers it was decided to hold the next assembly in Charleston on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in February next year.

The grand chapter, Royal Arch Masons, met and re-elected every officer of the 1909 corps, excepting one man. This was H. A. Garrett of Greenville, grand sentinel, who will be succeeded by I. F. Meyer of Charleston.

The chapter also voted to hold its convocation in 1911 in Charleston.

The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar elected officers as follows:

Right eminent commander, Geo. T. Bryan, Greenville; V. E. deputy grand commander, Newton W. Walker, Spartanburg; E. grand generalissimo, W. W. Lumpkin; E. G. grand chaplain, Gen. George S. Mower, Newberry; E. grand senior warden, Zeb Davidson, Chester; E. grand junior warden, W. P. Miller, Bennettsville; grand treasurer, Alex. Lindstrom, Charleston; grand recorder, J. M. Diven, Charleston.

The following appointments were made by Grand Commander Bryan, Grand Prelate, W. Z. Mazzyk, Charleston: grand standard bearer, W. M. E. Gantt, Charleston; grand sword bearer, James B. Hughey, Greenwood; grand warden, A. H. Schadt, Greenville; grand captain of guard, E. S. Wingate of Charleston.

MLEOD FOR GOVERNOR.

He Will Seek the Office on the Local Option Platform.

Thos. G. McLeod will run for governor on the local option platform. The present lieutenant governor of the State made this announcement last week, after consulting with his friends. "Of course," said Mr. McLeod, "there are several other matters of far more importance than the whiskey question and these I will take up later, but inasmuch as the position of those on prohibition and whiskey seems to be most desired just now; I want to state my position—local option."—The State.

Turns Down Bond Scheme.

By a vote of 80 to 27 the house of representatives last Friday rejected the proposition to issue a million dollars of bonds to establish a new state hospital for the insane.

This proposition was made by the majority of the investigation committee which recently made a sensational report as to sanitary conditions at the present institution.

The house then accepted the minority proposition to authorize the regents to purchase lands for the enlargement of the asylum.

Williams to be Orator.

John Skelton Williams, the organizer of the Seaboard Air Line railway, will be the orator of the commencement at the University of South Carolina on June 8.

Palmetto Pick-Ups.

T. A. Jones, a Confederate veteran of Saluda, is dead as the result of an overdose of laudanum.

Aron Howell accused of killing C. C. Armstrong in Columbia, has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$4,000.

The city council of Lexington has passed an ordinance prohibiting liquor drummers from soliciting orders inside the city limits.

Governor Ansel Friday granted Charles S. May, the defaulting Rock Hill city treasurer serving a 3-year sentence in York jail, a reprieve for six months that he might be treated for tuberculosis in the State penitentiary tuberculosis hospital.

Fire last week destroyed about \$60,000 worth of property of the Williams & McKeithan Lumber Co., at Lumber, 12 miles from Darlington, on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, between Darlington and Bennettsville.

W. F. Roddey, of Greenville, was shot at Columbus, Ga., by the father of a young lady with whom he was driving. Girl's father skipped.

The Lancaster town council, at its meeting last week, passed an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to conduct the business of "liquor-drummer" within the corporate limits of the town. The penalty fixed is a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 or imprisonment for not less than 10 nor more than 30 days.

The Union National Bank of Columbia, Capital one hundred thousand dollars, applies for a National charter.

LAW-MAKERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

THURSDAY—Feb. 10th.

The legislative fight over the Graydon Senate bill and M. L. Smith House bill proposing to do away with the present regulations so bitterly fought by the traveling men, is practically over, with defeat for those advocating the change demanded. The Senate Thursday gave final reading to the Graydon bill, but so amended as to thoroughly satisfy the railroad people and equally discourage the friends of the bill. The bill as amended and finally passed, leaves the maximum rate at 3 cents and the amendment by Mauldin allows mileage at 2 cents or less to be sold with the present regulations by special agent contract and an amendment to that amendment requires any other mileage to be accepted on trains. Yet one other amendment makes it a misdemeanor to check baggage over one line and use the same mileage over another. Smith says he will push his bill through the House and fight the difference out in free conference, but the Senate is practically certain not to yield. The Mauldin amendment as amended, passed by a majority of one.

Representative Mobley introduced a bill providing for a jim crow arrangement for circus ticket selling and also requiring separate entrances for the races to circuses.

After spending the major portion of both its sessions debating the asylum bills the House adjourned without reaching a vote.

CREME

FRIDAY—Feb. 11th.

The house passed with little discussion, Garis' bill providing for an annual appropriation of not less than \$60,000 for the free public schools; Carlisle's bill to define the duties and powers of probate courts in relation to minors was passed in the senate. It would give court the right to take charge of such and properly care for them.

The senate passed the railroad mileage rate bill, after various amendments, as follows:

"Section 1. That in case any railroad company or companies shall put on sale any form of mileage books at 2 1-2 cents or legal or agreed rate, the presentation of the correct number of miles, out of said book, to the conductor or other authorized officer to take up tickets shall entitle the person holding said mileage to travel on the train of road selling said mileage and upon the presentation of his mileage to the proper or designated agent of said company to have his baggage checked, as now provided by law. Provided, That any holder of a mileage book who shall have checked baggage over one road for a certain distance shall not be allowed to use the mileage upon which the baggage was checked upon any other road, and any attempt to do so shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both. The railroad may stamp for identification the mileage on which baggage is checked.

"Sec. 2. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed: Provided, That the provisions of this act shall not apply to railroads of less than 40 miles in length: Provided, That nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent an agreement between the railroads and the purchasers of tickets whereby special interchangeable mileage tickets may be sold at 2 cents a mile or less, limiting their use by term of such mutual arrangement as may be agreed upon by the parties thereto: Provided, That if any railroad issues the said interchangeable mileage books at said rate such railroads shall also issue mileage books for transportation on such railroads to be taken on trains without exchange of tickets."

The house passed and sent to the senate the appropriation bill. There were only a few changes made on three readings by Chairman Rucker and these with no discussion. The State levy was 5 3-4 mills, an increase of 1-2 mill. In the judiciary department an appropriation of \$500 was made for furniture in the supreme court room, \$457.93 for purchase of certain books and an increase of \$150 in the pay of Ernest Moore, special judge. For the University of South Carolina McMahan wanted the appropriation of \$600 for rent of houses for Prof. Carson and Prof. Moore cut to \$300. On a roll call this was defeated by a vote of 56 to 43. The appropriation for the State Hospital for the Insane was increased by \$720 for the employment of a stenographer. The clerk of the house judiciary committee receives \$200 instead of \$160; the sergeant-at-arms receives an additional \$50 for extra services in purchasing furniture and the porter of the speaker's room \$80.

Senator Spivey's bill to amend the code, so as to make the indexing of mortgages of crops a sufficient record thereof, was passed with an amendment excepting Sumter and Clarendon; "The marriage license bill" was passed to third reading, making the fee \$1 for the license instead of 25 cents was adopted. Also a committee amendment reading, "Nothing herein contained shall render any marriage illegal without the issuing of a license."

Senator Hardin's bill "to authorize the regents of the State Hospital for the Insane to purchase lands and provide for the paying for the same," was reported favorably by the majority of the finance committee of the senate.

The house passed the bill intro-

duced by the majority of the York delegation relating to the election of trustees for school district No. 12 in Rock Hill.

SATURDAY—Feb. 12th.

The house today, in addition to passing a large volume of local bills, gave a second reading to a number of bills of general interest and importance. Two of these concerned women, one aimed at the white slave traffic and making the enticing of a female to a house of ill-fame a felony and the other a washerwoman's bill making the wearing of another's clothes by a laundryman or washerwoman a misdemeanor.

A highly important railroad bill by Dixon glided through by the grace of the institution of several members whose intention it had been to object to. The bill allows suits against foreign corporations to be brought in the county where the complainant resides. It has been complained in suits of this kind involving a thousand dollars or so damages that it has been the practice of the defendants to wear out the plaintiffs with costs by having the cases transferred over the State. The bill will be fought on the third reading Monday.

Other bills passed by the House, of more or less general interest, were the following: By Brown, requiring all renewals of judgments to be indexed; by Brice, requiring clerks of court to enter on the criminal docket the race to which defendants belong; by Wells, converting the title of abandoned railroad rights of way to the original owners; by Carey, requiring clerks of court to open and publish sealed sentences; by Daniel, making it a misdemeanor to discharge any firearm into a dwelling; by Dixon, petitioning Congress to return South Carolina's share of the cotton tax; by Dixon, making the interest on public money inure to the public instead of to officers causing deposits to be made. Dixon says this bill was inspired by the action of the dispensary commission placing deposits in banks in which they were individually interested; by Wells, providing for the redemption of that portion of the State debt represented by the 4 1-2 per cent bonds, Brown consols, with 3 1-2 per cent bonds.

The Senate judiciary committee's resolution calling upon Superintendent Babcock and the board of regents of the State Hospital for the Insane to tender their resignation to the Governor by next Thursday is likely to fail of passage in the Senate, although the resolution was signed by eleven out of thirteen members of the committee. It was presented to the Senate today, but action on it was postponed.

The two houses will adjourn, sine die Saturday.

Those who have been proclaiming recently that high license is growing in favor were saddened by the action today of the Senate in killing the high license bill of Smith of Hampton without debate.

Butchered Young Girl.

Deland, Fla., Special.—Irwin Hanchett, 16-years-old, has been arrested for murdering Mary Tedder, 14 years old. He hacked the victim into pieces with a knife. He was a inmate of the reformatory for boys, and considered a model youth. He barely escaped mob vengeance.

The Charcot Antarctic expedition has returned to Punta Arenas without having reached the South Pole.

\$40,000,000 For Missions.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.—It is announced that the countrywide series of meetings which close in Chicago the first week in May will result in increasing foreign missionary offers to nearly \$40,000,000, more than four times the amount of last year's offerings for the purpose.

For Rivers and Harbors.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Approximately \$40,000,000 will be carried in the rivers and harbors appropriation bill for the next fiscal year.

HARE PIE.

One pound of cooked cold hare, half a pound puff paste, one onion, four ounces of macaroni, two hard-boiled eggs, half pint of stock, half a teaspoonful of kitchen bouquet.

Break the macaroni into short lengths and throw it into plenty of boiling water, and boil till quite tender.

Line a flat dish with the pastry, drain the water well from the macaroni, and place it in the center. Arrange over this neatly the pieces of hare, and pour in the stock and kitchen bouquet, and sprinkle over a little salt and pepper. Peel, scald and chop the onion, sprinkle it over. Put the dish in a hot oven for ten minutes, then cook it in a moderate oven for half an hour.

Chop finely the whites of egg, arrange them on the top, and rub through a wire sieve the yolks, allowing them to fall directly over. Serve very hot.—New York Press.

It is a commonly accepted belief, admits Country Life in America, that nothing short of being pried loose will induce a bulldog to give up his grip on another dog or on an intruder; but this is a mistake. A little household ammonia poured on him—as near his nose as circumstances will allow—will make him let go immediately. The fumes of ammonia are so overpowering that a dog cannot possibly sustain his grip and his breath at the same time.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

THE CORN EXHIBIT.

Legislature Gives \$1,000 for the Exposition.

The success of the corn exposition to be held in Columbia during the coming fall is assured. The ways and means committee of the legislature have acted favorably on the matter of an appropriation of \$1,000 for the corn exposition, also an appropriation of \$500 for the Corn Breeders' association, which was organized in Columbia several days ago. The sum of \$250 will be made available at once to further the organization and plan of the exposition.

The appropriation of \$500 will be placed in the hands of the professor of agriculture at Clemson, the head of the extension work, the commissioner of agriculture and the president of the Corn Breeders' association.

The corn exposition has the indorsement of the Live Stock association, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, merchants, business men, farmers, legislators and, in fact, it has been received most favorably.

A. D. Hudson, the president of the Corn Breeders' association, has gone actively to work to make the exposition a success and the proposed plans are the most complete of any corn exposition ever organized in the country.

The present plans are to offer \$5,000 in prizes. The exposition will be not only of State-wide nature, but every State in the South will be asked to participate. Especially are the farmers of the State urged to attend and take part. Several of the machinery houses of the country will offer prizes. In connection with the exposition there will be a corn institute, at which time experts will discuss seed selection, cultivation and fertilization.

C. H. Kyle, an expert from the United States department of agriculture, has been asked to assist in perfecting a manual for the members of the Corn Breeders' association. This manual or bulletin will be distributed.—The State.

Farmers Plant Vegetables.

Nine farmers who reside near McBee, in Chesterfield county, will plant vegetables under the direction of A. G. Smith of the United States bureau of plant industry. There is a government station located at McBee. McBee is located in the sandhill region of the State and the land for many years has been considered practically worthless. The vegetables from these farms will be shipped to the eastern markets in the winter and to the markets of Florida in the summer.

Furniture Dealers to Meet.

The Retail Furniture Dealers' association will meet in annual convention in Spartanburg April 13 and 14. There will be about 150 delegates in attendance.

The speakers for the convention are: A. J. Ganaghan, Chattanooga; O. H. L. Wernicke, Grand Rapids, Mich.; A. T. Thomas, editor of the Grand Rapids Furniture Record; T. F. Bomer, Nashville.

Cried so Violently as to Burst Blood Vessel.

Carlisle, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Shull, of near Lexington, died under most peculiar circumstances. The little fellow was innocently playing in the room, when he mashed his finger between a door. The child is said to have cried with such force as possibly to cause the rupture of a blood vessel, and death soon followed, the little one crying until death relieved its suffering.

Meets Awful Death.

Near Paeolet Mills, Willie J. Sloan, wife of a prominent farmer, slips out into an outhouse, fires the structure, burning herself to death. She was mentally unbalanced.

News Items.

Greenville has raised \$40,000 for a Y. M. C. A. building.

The battleship South Carolina will very probably arrive in Charleston on April 10.

J. B. Lemmon, a white farmer living a few miles from Kingstree, drove his wagon off the causeway in the river swamp Friday night and was instantly killed.

The members of the general assembly were entertained last Monday, by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce in the way of a "smoker."

South Carolina has been asked to participate in the Panama Pacific International exposition, which will be held in San Francisco, upon the completion of the Panama Canal.

Walter Young student at Furman University, was found dead in his room.

Founders' day exercises will be held at Converse college this year on April 24. The speaker for this occasion will be President S. C. Mitchell of South Carolina university.

It is expected that President J. H. Wearn of the Carolina Baseball league will call a meeting of the directors of the league, to be held in Charlotte within the next ten days from last Tuesday. At this meeting a playing schedule for the approaching season will be arranged, and several new laws pertaining to the league will be made. One of these will be looking toward the enforcement of the salary limit. This limit will also be determined at this meeting.

TAFT DEFENDS PARTY.

Declares Campaign Pledges Have Been Redeemed.

New York, Special.—If Wall Street methods are such that the enforcement of the law will promote panic, then the quicker the methods are changed the better. Thus President Taft, at the Lincoln dinner of the Republican Club last Saturday made final reply to the pleadings of "The Interests."

There will be no running amok on the part of the administration, the president declared; but the law will be enforced—the Sherman anti-trust law, specifically. Referring to the platform pledges of the Republican party, the president pointedly reminded his throng of hearers that no promises had been made to repeal or amend in any way to abate the rigors of the Sherman law.

This law is on the statute books to be enforced, the president declared, and it is the purpose of his administration to enforce it. As an ameliorating agency, all that the president had to offer was the Federal incorporation bill, which is pending at Washington for the congress to take or let alone, as it pleases. But there is nothing more in this act that is in any way intended to let down the bars of the Sherman act even to those that avail themselves of it.

In brief, the president renewed all of the strong declarations of the first message to congress and the special message on interstate commerce and Federal incorporation, and it must be taken for granted that his party is behind him in his plans, for the three thousand or more Republican diners who listened to the address cheered every declaration to the echo.

Taft returned to his defense of the tariff, and by figures showing the operation of the Payne law of the past six months argued a decided revision downward. He pledged his administration anew to the postal savings bank system, and in a general way covered the entire range of his legislative platform as it was laid down in the Republican platform and has since been developed in the president's successive messages to Congress.

It was upon the corporation policy, however, that the president laid greatest stress, and that he has not changed his mind.

THE WEEK IN CONGRESS.

House Democrats to Line Up Against Ship Subsidy Bill.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Ship subsidy legislation seems almost certain to pass the Senate, but the Democrats in the House are preparing to line up against the bill and they believe that with some Republican assistance they will be able to defeat it.

The question of whether the House committee on ways and means will undertake the investigation of the high cost of living, in view of the action of the Senate, is still undetermined. Postal savings banks and appropriation bills will take up practically the entire week in the Senate. In the House the rivers and harbors bill will probably occupy considerable time and there are other appropriation bills ready for consideration. Among these is the postoffice bill carrying about \$240,000,000 and the Indian bill.

The Ballinger-Pinchot investigation is scheduled for resumption.

Issues Injunction Against Southern. Richmond, Va., Special.—Based on complaint of the Tennessee Central railroad, Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., in the United States circuit court here last week issued a restraining order against the Southern railway by which the latter is prevented from withdrawing tariff rates and tariff agreements, which the Tennessee Central claims would virtually disrupt its interstate business.

Big Fire at Vicksburg, Miss.

Vicksburg, Miss., Special.—Fire here Saturday, in the central portion of the city, caused the loss of \$300,000.

Thinks Taft Will be President Again.

New York, Special.—In the opinion of Chas. E. Hughes of New York, President Taft will be renominated and reelected a president of the United States.

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company has purchased the Mount Airy cotton mill property at Mount Airy from the receivers, the price being \$11,799.40.

To Inspect Panama Canal.

New Orleans, Special.—More than a hundred members of the National Editorial Association, which concluded its annual convention here Saturday, left on the steamer Cartago for Panama. Their inspection of the canal zone will cover a period of several days.

To Study Industrial Education.

Washington, Special.—Industrial education in all probability will be the subject of an exhaustive study by the United States bureau of labor in the early spring.

Cotton Bales Lighter.

New Orleans, Special.—Secretary Hester, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange has issued a statement of weights on 6,238,824 bales of cotton handled at ports and across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers, overlaid to American manufacturers outside of the cotton belt during the months of September to January, inclusive, showing an average of 509.08 pounds against 519.43 for the same period a year ago.

QUEER POLITICAL CASE.

Crazy Man in Virginia Nominated Himself, Now a Contest Likely.

Washington, Special.—Because an alleged crazy man got on the ballot as a candidate for Congress in the fifth Virginia district at the last election and obtained the support of a number of electors, the result of the election in that district may be overturned, and Representative E. W. Saunders, (Dem.) may be deprived of his seat.

This remarkable state of affairs was disclosed before elections committee No. 2 of the House last Tuesday when the contest of Parsons vs. Saunders was taken up.

John M. Parsons, the Republican candidate, is contesting the seat of Mr. Saunders, who, on the face of the returns received a plurality of about 80 votes.

Just how many votes Mathews received will not be known until the ballots are counted, which will be done by a sub-committee comprised of Representative Burke (Pa.), Bennett (N. Y.) and Tom Velle (Ohio) of the elections committee, beginning next Thursday. There are nearly 14,000 ballots to count.

THE FAIR DATES FIXED.

Virginia-Carolina-Georgia Circuit Elects Reynolds President.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—The annual meeting of the Virginia-Carolina-Georgia fair circuit was held here Tuesday night. The following dates for fairs were selected: Galax, Va., August 30-September 2; Radford, Va., September 6-9; Tazewell, Va., September 13-16; Roanoke, Va., September 20-23; Lynchburg, Va., September 27-30; Winston, N. C., October 4-7; Greensboro, N. C., October 11-14; Raleigh, N. C., October 17-22; Charlotte, N. C., October 24-29; Spartanburg, S. C., November 1-4; Columbia, S. C., November 8-11; Emporia, Va., November 22-26.

S. Walton declining to be elected as president, W. N. Reynolds of Winston-Salem was elected. Other officers are as follows: First vice president, Paul V. Moore, Spartanburg, S. C.; second vice president, C. Walton, Falls Mills; third vice president, Louis A. Shoals, Roanoke; secretary, Conrad Geizen; treasurer, Joseph E. Pogue, of Raleigh, N. C.

CHARGES OF FRAUD.

Great Southern Agency Company Enjoined.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—The Great Southern Agency company, an Arizona corporation with headquarters in this city, headed by C. J. Hebert, was in chancery court last Monday through an injunction obtained by Attorneys Williams and Smith of this city and Frank P. Bond of Nashville, representing stockholders holding several thousand dollars worth of stock.

The injunction restrains the defendant company from paying out any money in its possession, particularly to the Great Southern Insurance company, a corporation that the agency company is charged with attempting to back for the exploiting of its own shares.

The suit involves directly upwards of \$160,000, which, it is alleged is all there is left of over \$400,000 collected by the company from shareholders.

Many Children Hungry.

Washington, D. C., Special.—In the House Tuesday Representative Henry, of Texas, read letters from Chicago, saying 5,000 Chicago children go to school hungry each day and that 10,000 more are not properly nourished was the verdict by Assistant Superintendent John D. Shoop. "I am certain the figures are not overdrawn," said Mr. Shoop. "I know from personal observation that many children do not make progress in school because they do not receive good nourishing food." He blames the new tariff law for existing conditions.

Clash Between Races.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—In a pitched battle between whites and negroes at Hale's Bar, about twenty miles south of Chattanooga, early Tuesday morning, three negroes were shot to death. They are Lee Sloan, a laborer; "Daddy" Baker, a preacher and ring-leader of the black rioters, and one unidentified.

Deserted, Tries to Die.

London, By Cable.—Florence Schenck Wilson, the beautiful Norfolk, Va., girl who eloped four years ago with Charles H. Wilson, manager of Alfred G. Vanderbilt's stable, attempted suicide Friday night in a West End hotel by taking chloral. She may recover.

Next Year at Winston.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Special.—The North Carolina Library Association will hold its annual convention here this year, the time to be next October.

Robber Was Her Husband.

Pittsburg, Special.—Mrs. Jerry McAuley of McKeesport Monday was shown a picture of a man killed two weeks ago while robbing the postoffice at Tallahassee, Fla., and identified it as that of her husband who has been missing from this city for a year.

Up to last Monday the foreign subscription to Paris flood relief funds had reached \$800,000.